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1. Since the death of Stalin a renewed spirit of nationalism has been manifest in Czechoslovakia. The language of those opposing the regime is more daring and open. Even those persons who, in the past, were virtually silent in their opposition to the regime are now quite openly demonstrating their dissatisfaction. The general impression is that the police have relaxed their former harsh control over speech, press, radio, etc.
2. There are no news or rumors concerning activities of rebel groups.<sup>1</sup>
3. Police controls on movement are still very strict. The severity of customs control has been somewhat relaxed.

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1. Field Comment. This statement is in reply to the following question: Are rumors being circulated in Czechoslovakia concerning groups of rebels operating in Slovakia and the Carpatho-Ukraine?

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